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GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2009

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING *TERRE HAUTE CITY CODE* CHAPTER 4, ARTICLES 11 AND 12 AS THEY RELATE TO PRECIOUS METALS, COIN, SECOND HAND AND JUNK DEALERS.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Crime Report published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ranks the City of Terre Haute as the highest in number of reported property crimes per capita of the nineteen first and second class cities in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Terre Haute Police Department is seeking a method to better serve victims of property crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Terre Haute Police Department has identified technology that will assist in its efforts to track and locate stolen property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, that the *Terre Haute City Code* be amended as provided herein.

Section 1. The *Terre Haute City Code*, Chapter 4, Article 11 is hereby amended by insertion of the underlined text and deletion of the stricken text as follows:

**ARTICLE 11. PRECIOUS METALS AND COIN DEALERS  
REGULATIONS - SECOND HAND DEALERS.**

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**Sec. 4-121 — Records To Be Kept.**

~~Every pawnshop, pawnbroker, dealer in precious metals or coins and secondhand dealer shall keep a book in which shall be entered at time of pledge or purchase, a description of the article, purchased or pledged from any person, the amount paid for the article, the date of the transaction, together with the name and address of the person from whom such article is purchased or pledged, and every pawnshop, pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, or dealer in precious metals or coins shall, at the time of making a purchase, require the pledger or seller to write his signature and address on the record book required by this Article to be kept. Such book shall be opened for inspection by the police at any and all times. (Special Ord. No. 31, 1981, § 717.02, 3-12-81; *Journal of Common Council*, p. 94)~~

**Sec. 4-121 Definitions.**

a. **Secondhand Dealer.** Every person engaged in the business of buying, selling, trading in, or otherwise acquiring or disposing of used or secondhand property, including but not limited to: jewelry; silverware; diamonds or gems; precious metals; furniture; pictures; objects of art; clothing; mechanic's tools; carpenter's tools; automobile hubcaps; automotive batteries;

automotive sound equipment such as radios, CB radios, stereos, speakers, cassettes, compact disc players, and similar automotive audio supplies; compact discs (CDs); digital video discs (DVDs); electronic games and gaming systems; and used building components.

b. **Used building component.** Any object produced or shaped by human workmanship or tools that is an element of structural, architectural, archaeological, historical, ornamental, cultural, utilitarian, decorative, or sentimental significance or interest, which has been or may be used as an adjunct to, or component or ornament of any building or structure, regardless of monetary worth, age, size, shape, or condition, that is immovable property or fixture, including but not limited to: bricks; siding; gutters; downspouts; lightening rods; chimney roofs; lights; chandeliers; stoves; tubs; sinks; faucets; faucet handles; toilets; bidets; showers; fans; furnaces; air conditioners; water heaters; sprinkling systems; shelving; countertops; cabinets; built-in speakers; shutters; trim; rafters; roof tiles; roofing; studs; foundation; barge boards; paneling; stairs; risers; banisters; wiring; plumbing; hinges; door latches; door knobs; medallions; mantles; flooring; carpet; tiles; molding; wainscoting; pavers; doors; windows; sills; transoms; joists; mailboxes; signage; fountains; decking; gates; fences; planters; landscaping; plantings, or portions thereof; or components of immovable property of any nature or kind whatsoever.

c. The following are not "secondhand dealers" for the purpose of this Article:

1. Private residential sales commonly known as "garage sales" or "yard sales" as long as such sales take place at a residentially zoned property.

2. Any bona fide charity possessing a valid exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3. Persons solely engaged in the business of buying, selling, trading in, or otherwise acquiring or disposing of motor vehicles and used parts of motor vehicles, and shall not apply to wreckers or dismantlers of motor vehicles who are licensed.

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#### **Sec. 4-125 Record of Transactions.**

Every pawnshop, pawnbroker, dealer in precious metals or coins and secondhand dealers as defined in this Article shall file all daily records electronically to a law enforcement web site designated as an agent of the Terre Haute Police Department for the sole purpose of collecting such records, or in such other form as may be authorized by the Chief of Police. The information required shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

- a. The date and time of each purchase;
- b. An accurate account and description of the item(s) purchased or pledged from any person, to include make, model number and serial numbers;

- c. The price paid for the item(s);
- d. The name, address, gender, race, and date of birth of the seller/pledger.
- e. A copy of one (1) verifiable piece of current identification of the seller/pledger. Such identification must be government issued and include a photograph of the seller/pledger.

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Section 2. The *Terre Haute City Code*, Chapter 4, Article 12 is hereby amended by insertion of the underlined text and deletion of the stricken text as follows:

## ARTICLE 12. JUNK DEALER REGULATIONS.<sup>1</sup>

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### **Sec. 4-149 — ~~Record Book Required; Police Inspection.~~**

~~Every holder of a license authorizing him to do business as a junk dealer at any junk yard shall keep and maintain at such yard a book in which there shall be legibly written in ink, at the time of purchase or receiving of any junk, an accurate description, in English, of the junk so purchased or received; the amount of money paid therefore; the time of purchasing or receiving the junk, and the name, residence and age of the person selling or delivering the junk. The book shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Chief of Police or any member of the police force authorized by the Chief to examine same. (Gen. Ord. No. 10, 1999, 12-9-99)~~

### **Sec. 4-149     Records of Transaction.**

Every holder of a license authorizing him/her to do a business as a junk dealer at any junk yard shall file all daily records electronically to a law enforcement web site designated as an agent of the Terre Haute Police Department for the sole purpose of collecting such records, or in such other form as may be authorized by the Chief of Police. The information required shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

- f. The date and time of each purchase;
- g. An accurate account and description of the item(s) purchased or pledged from any person, to include make, model numbers and serial numbers;
- h. The price paid for the item(s);

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<sup>1</sup> *I.C. § 28-7-5-1, et seq.*, address pawn brokers. *I.C. § 25-37.5-1-1, et seq.*, address valuable metal dealer regulations.

- i. The name, address, gender, race, and date of birth of the seller/pledger.
  - j. A copy of one (1) verifiable piece of current identification of the seller/pledger. Such identification must be government issued and include a photograph of the seller/pledger.
  - k. A true and accurate photograph depicting the item(s) purchased or received.
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Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of Terre Haute, Indiana and approval of the Mayor and publication as required by law.

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_ Norman Loudermilk, Councilman

Passed in open Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Todd Nation, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk